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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Red Hawks centre Alicia McLean leads the rush against two Weldon Wildcat defenders on Jan. 13. See story on page 15.

Highlands seniors get \$1M health care boost

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Haliburton County's elderly population will receive more support and services in the near future thanks to a \$1.1 million investment from the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the Ontario government.

The main lobby of the Haliburton hospital was full for the Jan. 13 funding announcement.

According to Wayne Gladstone, chair of the Central East LHIN, the significant investment

will enable seniors and other residents to stay in their homes and communities.

"The Central East LHIN and the Ontario government will provide an investment of over \$1 million to allow interdisciplinary teams to provide more community health services to individuals with complex medical, social and/or cognitive issues," said Gladstone.

A press release states that Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) will be able to create a new Rural Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network

(GAIN) team to provide in-home care to at-risk seniors via multi-professional care teams and their physicians; introduce a new assisted living services program for high-risk seniors where they will receive 24/7 scheduled and unscheduled visits for personal support and homemaking services, security checks and care coordination; and establish a new palliative care community team to provide clinical and non-clinical community-based care to palliative and end-of-life patients and their caregivers.

HHHS will also be able to set up a

physiotherapy clinic at the Minden hospital to complement its existing physiotherapy program and exercise and falls prevention classes offered throughout the county.

Gladstone said the investment is supported both by the Minister of Health's action plan and the mission of the Central East LHIN, which is "to create an integrated, sustainable health care system that ensures better health, better care and better value for money."

These types of investments have been realized in part due to the recent integration of

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Left: Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. Centre: Hospice volunteer Dorothy Owen. Right: HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said new funding will benefit seniors in the Highlands.

'Fantastic day' for elderly Haliburton County residents

Continued from page 1

health services in the county, said Gladstone.

Of the investment, \$725,000 will support the efforts of the GAIN team, \$148,000 will go to assisted living for high-risk seniors, \$122,000 will be allocated to the palliative care community team and \$110,000 will be used to establish a community physiotherapy clinic.

HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said it was a day to celebrate at HHHS.

"If you're an elderly resident of Haliburton County this is absolutely a fantastic day for you," said Eskedjian.

The investment will represent a four per cent increase in the organization's overall budget and a 40 per cent increase in the community

support services budget. Eskedjian said that 12 full-time staff and two part-timers will be hired, resulting in a positive economic spin-off in the community.

"If you take a look at the numbers alone, they represent the largest health investment in this community in the last 10 years and the second largest since our facilities were built more than 15 years ago," he said.

Dorothy Owen, a long-time hospice volunteer and member of the HHHS community advisory committee, was equally as excited about the good news.

"As a resident of Haliburton County I am so thankful. Thankful that the growing number of seniors in our county with complex health issues may be able to remain in their homes

instead of prematurely entering hospital or long-term care," she said.

The investment will also reduce the number of "unnecessary visits to emergency departments." Owen called these visits "exhausting and disorienting for frail seniors."

"Results will be greater quality of life for the senior and peace of mind for their caregiver and family members," she said, referring to the work of the GAIN team.

MPP Laurie Scott was in attendance to congratulate the entire HHHS team, including Eskedjian and the board of directors.

"They applied, they filled out the forms, they saw the community needs – and I can't thank them enough for that leadership and I can't thank the LHIN enough for recognizing

what our needs are and agreeing to the dollars that you gave us so that we can deliver those needs," said Scott.

"Our two sites [Minden and Haliburton] are both benefitting from the dollars that are awarded today."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt attended on behalf of County Warden Murray Fearrey to thank those involved in the project.

"It's really going to make a big change for Haliburton County," said Moffatt. "I think it's often been said that it takes a village to raise a child. I think in our community it takes a village to ensure that seniors and vulnerable folks are safe and healthy in their homes."

HE opts for HVAC combo

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

It's been 13 years in the works, but the municipal offices in Highlands East and the Lloyd Watson Centre (LWC) are getting upgraded HVAC systems.

Tyler Peters of Evergreen Energy Solutions presented the consultant's recommendations for the systems during a meeting of council on Jan. 13. Councillors had already agreed on a new air-source heat pump system for the municipal offices, but there has been ongoing discussion on how to best heat the LWC.

Plans to build a new food centre and public washrooms at the facility also added to the process.

The recommendations for the LWC system included three options: a propane forced-air system without cooling abilities, a propane forced-air system with cooling, or a propane force-air system with cooling and a generator upgrade so that cooling would remain available during a power outage.

Other HVAC systems, including electrical heat and air-source heat were cost prohibitive, either because of capital costs to install the systems or yearly energy costs.

"Consideration of council from last meeting in terms of allowing for the most aesthetically pleasing duct system within the LWC, to not take away from the architectural significance of the room, as well as consideration for the food bank space and all those elements, suggest that the propane forced-air system

would be the most economical and cost-effective," said Peters.

Ward 4 councillor Joan Barton said of the three recommended options for the LWC, she didn't see a need to pay to upgrade the facility's generator.

"I don't ever see the necessity to cool the LWC in an emergency," she said.

Council agreed to move ahead with the first recommendation, to have a propane forced-air system without cooling at a cost of \$100,000. If they decide to upgrade later to include cooling, Peters said the extra cost would be \$47,500. He said it's not more expensive to wait than it is to install the cooling system now.

In addition to the LWC system, the municipal offices air-source heat pump system will cost \$65,000 to install. The municipality is also upgrading its roof and electrical systems, at an estimated cost between \$180,000-\$200,000, placing the total cost of all the upgrades between \$345,000-\$365,000.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge said it was time to make a decision on the project.

"We've been talking about this for 13 years," she said. "I think we need to make a decision to move forward. We have to have a new heating system, and in order to have a new heating system we have to do the electrical and the roof needs to be done."

The next step is to have the project designed in hopes work could get underway on the municipal offices this spring.

Dysart opens rinks on Head Lake

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Head Lake won't be full of pond hockey players this month and next, but a few rinks have been created for the public to get active and take advantage of the winter season.

A couple of weeks ago, members of the community created one rink and another two were then made by municipal staff and Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts. Donated Christmas trees line the rinks to keep snowmobilers off the ice surfaces.

"There's one that's 30 by 60-feet ... then there's a path leading to a second one which is narrower," said Andrea Mueller, municipal recreation coordinator. "We're hoping to use that for curling during the Frost Festival. There's a third rink closest to the park, which is quite large."

Similar to last year, Mueller hopes to be able to leave shovels at a nearby business so that members of the community can clear the rinks off for themselves.

"I have quite a few shovels this year so I might even try leaving a few down at the docks," she said.

The rinks were made available to the public as of Jan. 9.

A skating path in the park is also in the works.

"The plan is to have a path there that's lit and can be used as well. If temperatures change and the ice become unsafe, then at least there's something on land."

Public skating is available at A.J. LaRue Arena, but the space is often used for hockey tournaments. This way local residents have another option.

People can bring their hockey equipment and nets to play pond hockey if they wish, said Mueller.

"We're hoping if people play hockey on one that there's still another one available that people can just skate on if they want to," she said.

Mueller hopes to organize an evening skate, with Christmas lights to illuminate one of the rinks. She's also in the process of setting up a public skate and food drive in support of the town's bid to win this year's Kraft Hockeyville competition. That event will take place on Jan. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The rinks will be kept open as long as the weather permits, she said.

For two years, the village hosted the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. The organizers of the two weekend event cancelled the 2015 tournament in Haliburton after requesting a \$25,000 annual investment from the County of Haliburton for three years. The county turned down the request but instead offered an annual contribution of \$10,000, which was later denied.

The 10th annual tournament has been relocated to Deerhurst Resort – its original venue for the first six years – and will once again be held over two weekends.

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Photo submitted by the Municipality of Highlands East
Old #1, the Monmouth Fire Department's original pumper truck, is being restored by the new fire heritage committee.

Historic pumper to be restored

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

A group of Highlands East volunteers have decided to restore a piece of the municipality's history.

Known as Old #1, the 1942 open-topped Ford military vehicle was the Monmouth Fire Department's first pumper fire truck. It has long been out of service and has been kept on private property. However, volunteer firefighters from Station 4 of the Highlands East Fire Department (formerly the Monmouth department) have decided to refurbish the truck, and the community has stepped forward to help.

Curtis Tighe, who works for the municipality in trails and economic development, spoke to council on

Jan. 13 about setting up a new Fire Heritage Committee to raise funds for the project.

"[This is] Monmouth's original pumper," he said. "We'd like to set up a committee... to restore it as a parade truck, protecting a part of our past."

Ward 4 councillor Joan Barton was named the committee's liaison to council. The committee will be comprised of several volunteer firefighters, along with former members of the Wilberforce Library Launchers, a group which successfully raised \$40,000 to furnish the new building.

The cost of restoring the vehicle is unknown at this time.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he remembered the truck from

his time on the department.

"I've [driven] it and I pumped water out of it," he said.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig said Old #1 was always in the town's parades.

"It's in good shape, considering it's been sitting idle," Burton said.

Already, the fire department has received donations from the community to put towards Old #1's restoration. Those funds will be transferred to the committee.

Burton said he thinks the truck originated from the military base in Petawawa, and that he's looking into the vehicle's history.

Council agreed to form the committee.

Highlands East to improve key trails

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Municipality of Highlands East will allocate up to \$7,600 to help repair two bridges on a key ATV and snowmobile trail between Haliburton Village and Gooderham.

Eric Christensen of the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) made the request on Jan. 13 during the regular meeting of council. He said the cost to replace the two bridges on the trail, designated HATVA T3.7 (also known as HCSA #9) is approximately \$63,000.

Through a grant application to the

National Trails Council, half the cost of the project has already been covered. HATVA is contributing an additional \$20,000, and both the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and Ontario Federation of Four-Wheel Drive Recreationists have contributed as well.

The remaining shortfall, up to \$7,600, will be covered by the municipality.

Christensen told council the trail is integral to their future plans.

"That trail is an important access road for tourism to bring tourists to the Green's Mountain initiative," he said. "That initiative is gaining recognition in the province, so

it would be a huge benefit to Highlands East."

"It's the only access for people coming from Haliburton to this area."

Ward 3 councillor Cecil Ryall said the trail is a "critical path" into the area.

The money will come from a \$20,000 grant the municipality has already been approved for. It covers trail maintenance through the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance.

The project will get underway in March so that work on the bridges doesn't interfere with the snowmobile season.

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Editorial opinion

Throwing stones

Winter in the Highlands can be rough.

It was late spring when we moved up here, three years ago. After getting settled into our new home, we quickly fell in love with the summer life. The crowds weren't a pain because we came from a city of over 100,000 people.

Summer in the Highlands was bliss.

Then came the winter. The towns got very quiet. The stores closed early. And there weren't many people around our age.

That first winter, we spent more time inside, on the couch, then I care to admit or recall.

There was a bit of depression and lethargy there. We didn't want to be outside. We missed the late-night pubs and live music, the movie theatres, and all those things that go on year round in larger centres. We felt lost.

But last winter, Ashley and I found our answer to the winter blues: we learned to curl.

It started off as an experiment of sorts. We knew we had to do something or suffer through another long winter. I had curled once or twice before. Ashley had never tried it, but she had watched a bit on television. So we tried it out.

It took us less than a full game to fall in love with both the sport and the people we were curling with.

All at once, we had found something that kept us busy and physically active throughout the week, woke up our competitive spirits, and gave us a group of like-minded people to socialize with. It was everything we were missing.

Each of the three local clubs – Haliburton, Minden, and Wilberforce – hosts bonspiels, or tournaments, throughout the season. These bonspiels act as fundraisers for the clubs, but they also serve to bring them together

for friendly competition.

Curlers are a diverse group. You get to meet interesting people from all walks of life – business owners, politicians, seniors, juniors – everybody curls. It's fantastic for networking and making new friends.

While the idea of throwing a rock down some ice and sweeping it with a broom may sound silly, rest assured there's a lot to the game. From learning the strategy to mastering your technique, a good game of curling will leave you a bit sore the next day, but completely satisfied.

I often hear people, particularly those new to the county, complain there's not much to do in the winter. They couldn't be more wrong, but it's true you have to make an effort.

For us, the answer was curling.

Curling and other clubs play a vital role in our community. They give people something to do during the winter, and they bring the community together through sport and social events. And, like most groups in the county, they need our support to keep the ice clean and the leagues going. The best kind of support is just being a member – and it pays back in multiples.

If you're in need of something to pass the time this winter, give curling a try. The people are friendly, the beer is cold, and the games are always fun. And remember, if you do well enough in your league or bonspiel, you might even win some fresh-cut meat. Where else can you do that?

Good curling!



By Matthew Desrosiers

Who needs oranges when you have Highlanders?



By Jack Brezina

This was not the first time Haliburton Highlands Secondary School music teacher Melissa Stephens asked me to serve as master of ceremonies for the school's holiday concert. This year it was held on Dec. 16. I always enjoy the experience for a number of reasons.

It gives me an opportunity to hear the students, working at various levels, present their best work in a public setting. It's a special moment for them, their family, friends and those who attend.

The concert also provides an opportunity to express a personal sentiment regarding musical education in our elementary and secondary school systems. It is fabulous that students at both levels are exposed to music. Not only do they learn how to play an instrument, they also acquire an understanding of how music is made. Both will be of value for the remainder of their life and could in fact broaden their career choices. And, as Melissa Stephens is keen to point out, studying music sharpens the brain for many other kinds of learning (see teded.com and search for 'Anita Collins' for more information).

It was a great evening. The audience was appreciative of the students' efforts and I felt the young musicians were rightfully proud of their accomplishments. Let's hope it continues.

The evening also provided an insight into the spirit of giving. On the weekend before, Melissa had received a phone call from Florida. The citrus grower, who supplied the oranges and grapefruit for the annual music department fundraiser, had called to say he could not deliver on the order of hundreds of boxes of oranges and grapefruit. Adverse weather had delayed the crop and he would be unable to ship them to Haliburton in time for pre-Christmas distribution.

The music department at the school has been relying on this annual sale to finance a variety of extra-curricular activities for 20 years or more. The money raised helps cover the cost of students attending music competitions, entry fees, bus rentals, etc. Being forced to cancel the sale meant a loss of about \$750, not to mention the additional work of returning all the money received for the advance orders.

However, there is a bright side to this

tale. The day of the concert, Beth Kipping, the president of the Highlands Festival Singers, sent an email to performing arts groups in the Highlands. She recounted the story of the lost fundraising opportunity and wondered if the groups could pitch in and fill the gap. Beth started with \$100 from the Festival Singers and challenged the rest to help fill the gap.

"Let's send a message to our youth that we care about them by supporting their program," she said in her email.



Her note went out at 9:05 a.m. At 9:10 the Highlands Male Chorus was in for \$100; 9:17 the Highlands Chamber Orchestra answered the call. Those groups were followed in steady succession by the Highlands Summer Festival, Highlands Opera Studio, Highlands Little Theatre, the Wind Symphony, the Highlands Concert Band, the Haliburton County Folk Society, the Outloud Womyn's Voices, and the Haliburton and District Lions Club. A company called uInnovate Inc. which has links to the Highlands through the owners Jim and Linda Love, contributed \$350 (Jim Love wrote and sang a fundraising song following the flood in Minden two years ago).

There were a number of individual donations as well.

Most of the pledges had arrived in less than nine hours from when Beth Kipping issued the challenge Tuesday morning.

I was astounded by the speed of the responses and when I spoke to the audience on the night of the concert, I was able to tell them that more than \$1,200 had been raised in support of the music program. Later donations would raise that to over \$1,450, more than double what the sale of the fruit would have raised.

This is what I love about small communities. Needs rarely go unmet, challenges are answered, there always seems to be a helping hand ready to assist in times of need. Outpourings like this one happen all year long in the Highlands, but this one was special, occurring as it did a little more than a week before Christmas. It was a magical moment, the sort of thing we like to think happens at Christmas because, well, it's Christmas.

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Letters to the editor

4Cs thank you for community's support

Dear editor,

In December, the 4Cs had the privilege of distributing toys and over 200 Christmas food vouchers to our community. This, and our regular monthly distribution of food, would not be possible without the generosity of so many.

As we look back over the last couple of months, we simply say a big thank you to a long list of campaigns and supporters including: Fill-the-Truck, Terror on Wonderland, Zombie Walk, Fill-the-Cruiser, Moose FM Radiothon, Home Builders (toy drive), our local

grocery stores, schools, businesses, clubs, individual donors and our volunteers.

Thanks too to everyone who donates or shops at the Lily (which supports the food bank).

It is difficult to adequately express our gratitude to the wonderful caring community we have the privilege of living in and that responds so generously to meet the needs at our food bank. Again thank you!

David Ogilvie
Board chair, 4Cs

Emergency crews saved the holidays

Dear editor,

I was one of the several hundreds of people who spent Christmas Day without power. That 18 hour period made me very grateful. Grateful for the mild temperatures outside. Grateful to have people in my life who don't think twice about offering up their homes or cooking Christmas dinner unexpectedly. Grateful to realize that many

Hydro One workers were missing their own Christmas dinners to ensure that I would have heat. And late Christmas night, after a personal call from Hydro One to let me know my power was back on, grateful to drive home to a warm, brightly lit house!

Gena Robertson
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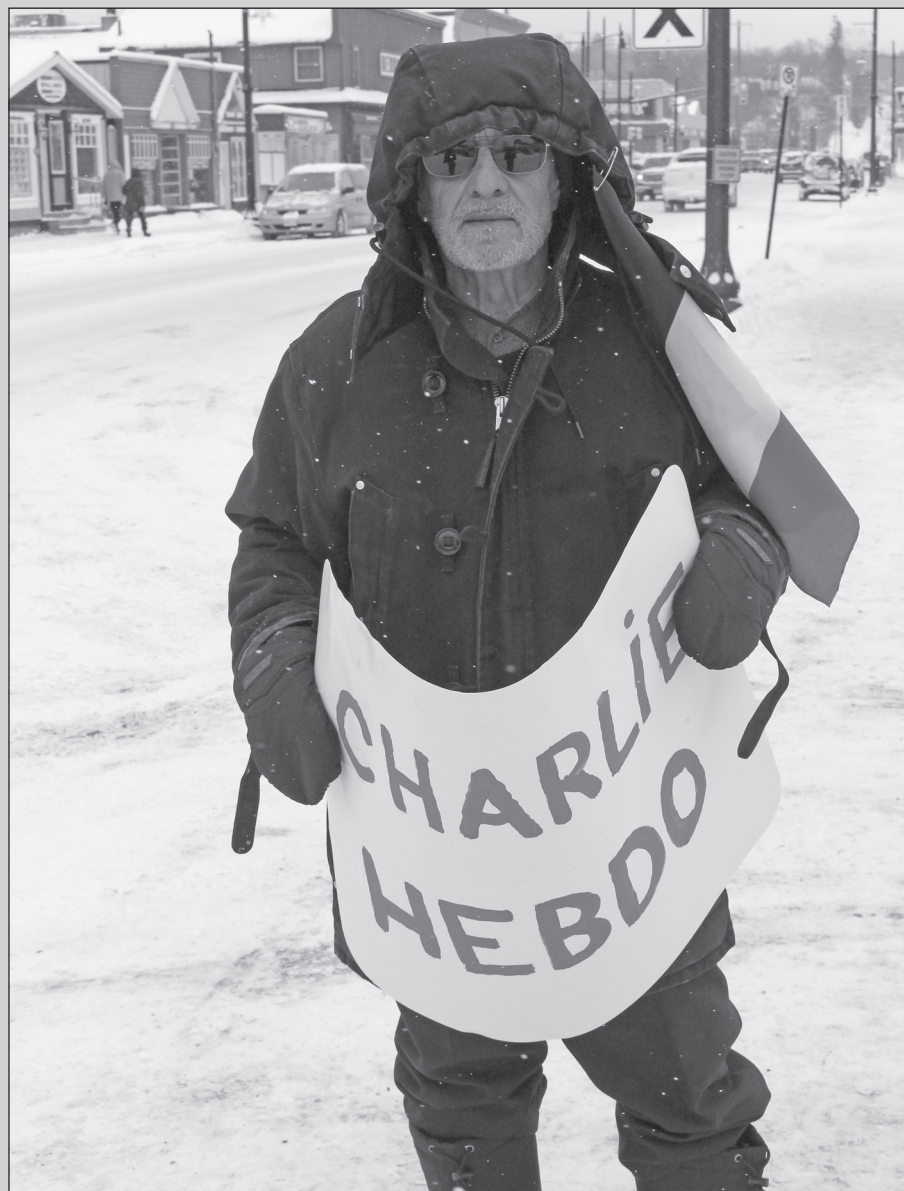


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Charles Lutz shows his support for the victims of the Charlie Hebdo attack in Paris.

Slowing time with a story

So, I went on my annual ice fishing weekend with the barber and chums last weekend, and I can safely say that on the face of things there was no evidence to dispute my theory in last week's newspaper that the sport is nothing more than a conspiracy theory to get us idiots to spend our money.

No evidence whatsoever. A grand total of four fish – obviously four of the stupidest fish ever – caught by a group of 10 guys during almost two full days of standing forlornly in a puddle of slush, waving iddy biddy little rods over holes in the ice. Thankfully we were not fishing to feed ourselves, otherwise someone might have chewed one of young Tyler's legs off!

That said, I have come to realize that this weekend is not really about the actual fishing at all. This fine bunch of fellows get together just to get together, so to speak, and to tell stories and reminisce.

There are credible accounts of great shots during the deer hunt – the ones where you can see the chap recounting the action is serious – and the story doesn't involve the shot ricocheting of two rocks and hitting

the deer squarely between the eyes. There are funny stories that start off as normal discussions but morph into the hilarious. Like the one about the unseasonable weather and one of the aforementioned fellows stating that he was sure that he'd heard a phoebe calling just a few days ago. General consensus around the table was that there would be absolutely no insects for the bird to eat and that he couldn't have heard it. Suggestions of other birds were made before one smart Alec said: "Phoebe? Are you sure it wasn't a chickadee, with a hair lip!"

And then there are the stories of days gone by. Of grandpas and fathers who hunted and fished the lakes to the north of our county before there were even roads to get to them. These are the stories that I like best, even if I have heard one or two of them more than a few times before. These are the stories that give me a window into the past, a glimpse at the lives and lifetimes of the people who made Haliburton County what it is today.

It was as I was sitting back and reveling in this part of the evening, when the barber

and his chums delight in telling such tales – some true, some tinged with a hint of exaggeration – that I realized that one or two of the men who had been at the first fishing weekend I attended some five years ago were not there now.

It was a private solemn moment amidst the camaraderie as I acknowledged that such characters as Old Otter-Slide Salvatori and Jimmy the Sleep Talker might not be coming ice fishing with us again. Two diamonds in the rough. Two hard-as-nails men who have hunted and fished their entire lives, and who now are feeling the burden of age. Two of the people who made the stories as much as told them. Two men who, as I sat there drink in hand, made me notice not only the deepening lines on the familiar faces around me but the passing of time, its way of catching up with us and the fact that we are all getting older.

Now, maybe it is that I am at a time in my life when I more keenly sense my own aging, but perhaps too it is that I feel very lucky to have been allowed into this inner circle of rural Canadian tradition, and I am

all too aware that I could witness its demise. What once was a common scene in these parts has slowly been whittled away by technology, trend and time.

Where once the telling of stories, long and short, be they hunting and fishing tales or yarns about any manner of things, was a staple entertainment, now it is a rarity. Now we sit glued to a TV, computer screen or dreaded 'tablet', barely speaking, definitely not doing stuff worthy of making up a story about afterward.

As I sat there wondering whether Tony would be back, whether I'd see Jimmy again, I realized just how lucky I was to be in this camp, to be sat listening to these stories, to have met these men. And it made me realize that ice fishing may not be a conspiracy, either. It certainly isn't a sport in which you catch many fish, but what ice fishing is, is a way of passing the time in the company of folks you really enjoy. It's the perfect opportunity to relax and tell another story.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What do you think about the sale of Minden Pharmasave?*



Al Manning
Minden

I did not know that it was for sale. We do all our medications there and they have always been very gracious. I know the two owners personally, they and their staff have been great.

Danielle Griffith
Kinmount

Shock! Very surprised. I will definitely miss Richard and Peter. I wish them good luck in whatever they do. They will be missed.



George Sihvonen
Minden

I will have to see what the new owners are like.

Ed Schuurmans
Minden

Oh it was for sale? That is not good. I hope that it will stay a Pharmasave and they stay in business.



Jim McKinnon
Minden

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Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin



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Photo by Justin Tiffin

Minden's ice track almost ready for racing

Work is underway at the Minden fairgrounds for another season of ice racing. The races are free to watch, as competitors vie to be the first across the finish line on a track of pure ice. Spectators can purchase warm food while at the events, and heated bathrooms are on-site. The track is also used for skid school. Pictured above, Ben Carr waters the ice track in preparation for another ice racing season.



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Highlander arts

Good intentions

As her teeth sank into the pastry, its taste and texture exploded delightfully against her palette. Creamy, buttery lemon with vanilla undertones swirled around her tongue and Patricia closed her eyes in pleasure. It was three weeks since her New Year's resolution to eliminate sweets from her diet but she didn't care. Life is too short to deny yourself the little pleasures, she decided, popping each sticky finger into her mouth one at a time and savouring the last bits of pastry.

Outside the snow swirled, carried by the wind across her yard. The sun had disappeared as the snow thickened the air. Patricia knew that it wasn't simply the delicious pleasure of a lemon danish that had caused her to break her well-meaning resolution. It was also about boredom. Stuck in the house, she had returned to her old habit the way a horse returns to its barn. Easily, unthinking and without regret.

She had had good intentions. Her expanding waistline and shortness of breath, to say nothing of her restricted wardrobe had pushed her toward change. But it had been harder than she had anticipated, once the zeal of a new year and fresh start had worn off.

However now that the pastry had passed over her tongue, down her throat and into her stomach, Patricia knew she had made a poor decision and silently berated herself. She walked into the living room and turned on the television. On the screen dripping butter and melting cheese moved in slow motion toward an ecstatic couple and she turned it off. Her new treadmill gleamed in the next room, waiting but unused as it had been since Christmas morning.

Patricia was trying to decide what to do next when the front door opened and Morris entered. He was returning from a trip to the city in pursuit of parts for his ancient motorcycle. The cold air around him slowly dissipated as he removed his coat and that's

when she smelt it. Cigarette smoke.

Morris had supposedly given up smoking for the new year but it was obvious what he had been doing as he drove. Patricia looked at him, eyebrows raised. He in turn looked sheepish. Neither spoke. Later when he came out of the kitchen holding the empty pastry tray, it was her turn to look sheepish.

Across the road in the old farmhouse George sat in his recliner watching the fire dance in his woodstove. His hand was wrapped around a glass with about two inches of Canadian Club shimmering in the firelight. George was feeling sleepy, the drink having moved past warmth to a heavy, fuzzy-headed sensation behind his eyes. When this bottle was empty, he promised himself he would not buy another one. It was his first slip-up since New Year's Day and he knew he should stay away from this liquid pain. It had cost him so much and he was determined to break free of its grasp. But change was hard. On these cold dark days time hung heavily and he found comfort in the bottle's warmth. The house echoed in its emptiness when he walked from room to room. The whiskey numbed him to the silence and lack of purpose that followed him about the drafty old place. There was only so much kindling to chop and firewood to haul into the house.

By the next day the snow had stopped and the sun turned the landscape into one of sparkle and light beneath a limitless blue. Patricia was shovelling the side deck while Morris tackled the driveway. On the other side of the road George was digging out his mailbox. The three neighbours waved. When Morris had finished the driveway, he had an idea. After talking to Patricia about it, he walked across the road and knocked on George's door.

And so it began. The three of them started showing up at the community centre for euchre once a week. They alternated between

George's pickup and Morris's SUV. It wasn't a big deal; just a break from the same old routine. They looked forward to it. Then they began getting together with another neighbour, Joe for cards on Saturday night. One Saturday Joe showed up with a half-starved cat that had been hanging around his door. Because of his allergies he couldn't keep it so George took it. He said he could use the company in front of the fire.

By spring, Patricia was able to get into her

jeans again and Morris had saved up enough cigarette money to buy a second old motorcycle. And George had taken in two more cats, so that all three watched through the window every afternoon, waiting for his return from the mailbox.



By Sharon Lynch

Down our Road

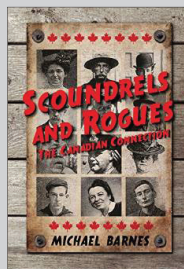
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Highlander business

New home, new possibilities for Winterdance

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With a 2,000-acre property of their own on the southeast corner of Haliburton Lake, Tanya McCready and her husband, Hank DeBruin, are optimistic about what the future has in store.

“It [the property] gives us long-term security,” said McCready in an interview during an open house on Jan. 9.

For about 12 years, the couple ran their dog sledding operation at a property they leased from Curry and Greg Bishop, north of Haliburton Lake. While large at 5,000-acres, not all of the land was usable because of its rugged topography.

They took ownership of their new property, which belonged to Greif Bros. Canada Inc., at the end of October.

At the trail head, visitors and soon-to-be dog sledders are greeted by a 900-square-foot log building that houses a reception area. DeBruin constructed the building at the end of November with the help of the couple’s son and some of their staff.

“It’s really just a welcome centre,” said McCready, pointing out that eventually the space will display some of DeBruin’s race memorabilia from the past (DeBruin has competed in gruelling events such as the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod).

“It will be a little more of an experience for people to learn everything we do,” she said.

Other highlights of the property include two lakes, elevated trails (which decreases the

likelihood of them being flooded out) and more useable land for tours.

Historically, the property was used for logging meaning a number of trails were already in place. However, many of them were now overgrown and had to be cleared up.

“Hank and Logan, our oldest [son],” and Nathan, a senior staff member, “have spent hours clearing trails, levelling trails and just getting everything developed the way they want it to be.”

McCready’s important role in the transition was to ensure that the deal on the property closed. This included a rezoning of the property and an application to amend Dysart’s official plan, among other things.

“There was a lot of paperwork,” she said, adding that municipal staff were great to work with.

It also took a lot of legwork to “find lenders who were willing to join us on the project.”

“We don’t know of another dog sled company in North America that owns all of the trails that they run on,” she said. “Usually they’re on Crown land or park land.”

The project’s biggest supporters, said McCready, were Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, Paul Wilson, Jeff Wilson and the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

While reflecting on where things are currently at, McCready is impressed by the work her husband and the rest of the team have pulled off in just five weeks. DeBruin, on the other hand, still sees unfinished business.



Photo by Mark Arike

Tanya McCready, co-owner of Winterdance Dogsled Tours, stands in front of a welcome centre located on the property’s trailhead.

“The land I think we’re still amazed at ... It’s still mind-blowing to look around a 100-acre lake and think, ‘wow, this is actually all ours.’”

Although DeBruin is passionate about racing, he had to go on hiatus in order to ensure the success of the business.

“I thought he’d be more upset than he was, but he’s really OK with it. I think a lot of it is that this is a big thing for Winterdance,” said McCready.

He is, however, considering the possibility of entering a couple of shorter races – in the 200-300 mile category – such as the Hudson Bay Quest in March.

For now, the pair is going to focus on ensuring the transition is a smooth one.

“I think we’re looking forward to getting through our first year here and having everything run more smoothly,” she said.

“And then for Hank it’s back to racing, which he absolutely loves.”

This year marks Winterdance’s 16th year in business.

Pharmasave sale a ‘tough’ decision

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The sale is complete. Minden Pharmasave is now under new ownership.

Former owners Peter Meraw and Richard Smith said they’re both at peace with the decision. But that doesn’t mean it was easy.

“I feel good,” said Meraw. “It was a tough decision, but it was a fairly long time in the making. I had been feeling like I wasn’t seeing enough of my kids, [and] they’re entering their teen years.”

Smith said the pair had been approached a number of times to sell the business.

“It was for Peter and I, we made a decision that it was time to look after family,” he said.

The pair took over Pharmasave in June 2006.

“Our interest in the area was very personal,” said Smith. “We wanted to raise our families in a small town.”

At the time, Meraw was doing marketing in the city.

“I would drop off my kids at 6 a.m., and pick them up right at the buzzer,” he said. “The commute every day was hard, and it would tear me apart when I’d leave them there crying with a stranger.”

Both men wanted to slow things down and raise their kids in a small town.

“In small communities you’re very much part of the town, and you’re known to people,” said Smith.

Since acquiring Pharmasave, the pair

have worked hard to become a part of the community.

“It was an opportunity to practice pharmacy the way I felt it should be practiced,” Smith said. “Intimate, high touch, with real patient connection.”

Smith said in big cities, some pharmacists don’t get to know their patients.

“In Minden, we know all our patients. That brings professional satisfaction. It brings meaning to what you do every day.”

Getting to know patients helps fill a need in the healthcare system, Meraw added.

“You develop a bond with your customers,” he said. “You see them once a month, or more often. You know they need to have somebody to go to. ... If they don’t have that, it leaves them exposed to harm.”

While the pair decided to sell the company so they could focus on family life, it was also important they look after their patients.

“[The new owners] are friends of ours,” Meraw said. “We know them, saw what they were doing in their communities. We wanted to make sure it was someone who focused on the same things we focused on.”

One of the new owners, Phong Tan, has spent time at the Minden store during the transition. He owns the Pharmasave in Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon.

“I’m deeply honoured Rich and Pete have entrusted us to care for their patients and their friends,” he said. “I know that we have a big responsibility to fulfill, and we’re going to do our best to follow in their footsteps.”



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 29th, 2015 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-13-12
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9649, registered July 16, 2014.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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Highlander life

Triathlete overcomes new challenges at XTERRA event

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

She didn't finish the race in first place, but the experience proved to be much more valuable than any spot on the podium.

In October, former Camarvon resident Debbie Val travelled to Maui, Hawaii for the XTERRA World Championship – a triathlon for amateur and professional athletes. Val placed 282nd overall out of 965 competitors, but finished 16th out of the women in her age category.

"It was incredible," said Val of the event, held on Oct. 26.

The 28-year-old earned a spot in the event at a qualifier in Milton, Ont. last summer. A full-time fitness and nutrition specialist who now lives in Owen Sound, Val has competed in several triathlons and other races such as the 106-kilometre Bruce Adventure Multi-Sport Race and the Kincarden Women's Triathlon, where she set a course record.

The XTERRA race, however, offered her a new set of challenges such as the tropical climate and the elevation. Since swimming is one of her weaker points, Val also had to get used to battling large waves on the course.

"I'd never swam competitively in the ocean before," she said.

Val arrived four days before the event, which gave her time to get acquainted with the water.

One of her big sponsors, Devinci Bikes, provided her a bike but it arrived at the last minute. This meant she didn't have a chance to ride it before the race.

"They didn't get the bike shipment to me in

time, so I had to fly the frame and hope that the components got shipped in time to Maui," she recalled.

The bike ride was 30 kilometres long, with the first half taking riders "straight up a volcano," said Val.

"It was definitely hard."

The rest of the course was comprised of a one-and-a-half kilometre swim and a 10-kilometre run.

There were several snack and medical stations for competitors which were manned by volunteers, she explained.

As an indication of just how challenging the race was, Val pointed out that about 250 athletes didn't cross the finish line.

"You're out there anywhere between three and 10 hours. You're without any real solid food and you're drinking water, but you're losing it at a rate that you can't maintain it. The longer you're going the more depleted you're getting."

Val completed the race in just under four-and-a-half hours.

Her support team included her husband Carlin and her mother Skip Ray and stepfather Tony Blain.

"They were great people to have because they pretty much just told me go out and have fun, and do what you do," she said.

After reading about her upcoming trip in The Highlander last September, several people reached out to her with words of encouragement and donations. They included former teachers and family friends.

Her mother and stepfather paid for most of the accommodation costs.

Although Val didn't win any cash prizes for

her placing, she did walk away with some swag including a medal and commemorative backpack.

After the race she spent an extra three days in Hawaii.

"It was really nice after the race just to enjoy Hawaii ... I was able to have just a glass of wine or beer," she chuckled.

Now that she has a new bike, Val plans on training for some mountain bikes rides this

spring. She also has her sights set on some more triathlons in her area.

"I definitely want to keep going," she said.

"To qualify again [for XTERRA] would be awesome. I'm even more experienced now, so I feel like I have some unfinished business when it comes to the bike part of that course."

Bike Face, a bike shop in Owen Sound, also sponsored Val's journey to XTERRA.



Photo submitted by Debbie Val

Debbie Val gives a thumbs-up at the XTERRA World Championship in Maui, Hawaii.



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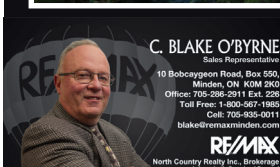


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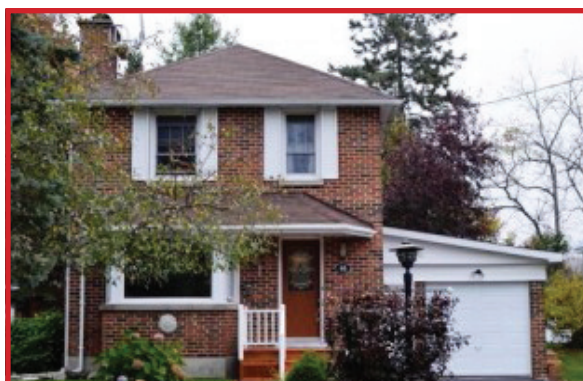
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The Friday Mixed Division A winners are, from left, skip Steve Robson, vice Audrey Robson, lead Carol McClennan, and second Bruce McClennan.



The Friday Mixed Division B winners are, from left, lead Charlie Muli, second Ethel Muli, skip Iain Kay, and vice Joyce Nilsson.



Friday Mixed League winners are, from left, vice Rick Denyer, skip Alyssa Denyer, lead Karen Lytle, and second Wes Lytle.



The Monday Ladies League winners are, from left, vice Betty Goard, second Eleanor Reed, lead Traci Benson, and skip Carol Alain.



The Monday Ladies playoff winners are, from left, second Alexander Casper, lead Allison Mallette, vice Patti Goreski, and skip Anika Klint.



The Thursday Mixed Division A winners are, from left, skip Larry Ferguson, vice Vickie Wellman, lead Sheila Carrell, and second Jim Carrell.



The Thursday Mixed Division B winners are, from left, lead Donna Penycad, second Alfie Penycad, vice Pat Woodcroft, and skip Dave McKay.



The Thursday Evening Mixed League winners are, from left, vice Carol Alain, skip Bruce Fisher, lead Judy Price, and second Chris Price.



The Tuesday Men's League Division A winners are, from left, second Iain Kay, lead Ross Petch, vice Ed Cyr, and skip Murray Cooper.



The Tuesday Men's League Division B winners are, from left, lead Thomas Grix, second Len Goreski, vice Larry Ferguson, and skip Steve Robson.



The Tuesday Men's League Division C are, from left, skip Cody Williams, vice Sam Pilcher, second Sebastien Muli-Delamarre, and lead Daniel Murdoch.



The Tuesday Men's League winners are, from left, second Ed Hussul, lead Alfie Penycad, vice Ron Bobbie, and skip Scotty Boyd.

Photos submitted by Wes Lytle

Minden Curlers celebrate mid-season league and tournament championships

The Minden Curling Club wrapped up its fall season in December, with each team playing in its respective league's playdowns. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the overall league winners, as well as the playdown winners. During the awards, members thanked the clubs staff, Dollo's Foodland, and all the trophy sponsors.

Highlander sports



Red Hawks win in bid for Kawarthas berth

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The result was never really in doubt on Jan. 13 as the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks girls hockey team took down the I.E. Weldon Wildcats 3-1.

"This is a big game for us," said coach Dan Marsden after the game. "This was probably our biggest game looking to get into Kawarthas, so this win is good."

From the outset, the Red Hawks took control of the game. They spent most of the time in the offensive zone, winning the battles along the boards and getting to the puck first.

With just over a minute left in the period, their efforts paid off as Maddie Billings scored with a wristshot from the top of the faceoff circle. Her goal was assisted by Erica Carmount.

The Red Hawks added to their lead less than a minute into the second on a goal by Erin Little, assisted by Kelsey Maracle. The goal came after a brief scramble in front of the Wildcat's net.

Halfway into the third, the Wildcats got one back on the powerplay, but that would be as close as they would come. Sydney Cameron put the game on ice with a minute left to play, and she sniped one past the Wildcats goalie, off the post and in for the 3-1 win.

But the game was not an easy one for the Red Hawks, who were playing their eighth game in six days.

"We're lucky, or unlucky at the same time, because most of our team are [Highland] Storm girls, too," Marsden said. "We've been pushing them but we understand there's only so much in the tank."

The Red Hawks played last week, then most of the girls played five games over the weekend, and another on Monday night.

"For having that much hockey, it's helpful but it's also draining," he said. "We use it the best we can and try to keep games close."

Despite their schedule, the Red Hawks matched the Wildcats intensity and final push in the third period, never showing their fatigue.

"It was a little scramble at times, and then we got some injuries so that'll shorten the bench again," Marsden said. "But it pressures everybody to work on their endurance."

Alex Litwin suffered a shoulder injury just 40 seconds into the game, and Sydney Feir hit her head at the end of the first period. Both players left the bench and did not return. Marsden said they're waiting to see how the players are feeling before the team's next game against Holy Cross on Jan. 15.

Marsden expects the Holy Cross game to be a close one.

"It'll be a close game, 1-0 win," he said.

"We're not going to get into a shootout with anybody. The goal will be to go in and keep it close."

The team's record now sits at 2-1-3 (WTL).



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top: Erin Little breaks in on the Wildcats' goalie, but can't get the puck past. Above: Alicia McLean carries the puck into the offensive zone, looking to score during the Red Hawks victory over the Weldon Wildcats on Jan. 13.

Highlander sports

Hawks stand tall against top-seeded team

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

On Jan. 12, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior boys Red Hawks basketball team faced a tall order as they squared off against the top team in their division.

Although they were defeated 49-25 by the LCVI Spartans, Hawks coach Dave Waito is proud of how his players held their own against the Lindsay team.

“We played with them really well in the

first quarter,” said Waito. “I think that we put them on their heels and made them uncomfortable.”

The Hawks trailed the Spartans by only one point at the end of the first. They also maintained the pressure on their opponents for much of the second quarter, however, the playing experience and size advantage of the away team proved to be too much.

The Spartans increased their lead to 21-14 at the end of the second and continued to dominate in the third quarter.

“They’re a strong team,” Waito pointed out. “They’re undefeated in the league.”

The Spartans current record is an impressive 6-0.

“In terms of going up against the number one team in the division, I think we did well to prove that we can play ball with them,” he said.

Strong performances came from Cody Bain, Angus Sullivan and Jalen Campbell, who “came in huge” off the bench with seven rebounds in the first half, said Waito.

“He filled one of those starting spots tonight – and I think he filled it really well.”

Waito said the team’s half-court defense

was “the strongest we’ve seen it all year.”

Moving forward, the Hawks will need to improve on the press break and decrease turnovers.

“Limiting those [turnovers] and working on just breaking the press a little more through the middle would be a big key.”

More action on the inside to increase the points in the paint is also something Waito would like to see happen.

The Hawks next home game is Feb. 4 at 3:30 p.m.

See highlanderonline.ca for highlights from their game against the Spartans.

Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Susan Haedicke

The Storm team travelled to Parry Sound this weekend to participate in the Muskoka Parry Sound league (MPS) playdown tournament.

It started on Friday night with a 6-0 win against South Muskoka. It took the Storm two periods to warm up, but a few minutes into the third, the goals began.

Flood scored two, and Lucas Haedicke, Devyn Prentice, Cooper and Manning scored the rest with assists from Cooper, Flood, Manning, Prentice, Patterson-Smith, O’Neill and Walker. A great job by all the boys, and a nice shutout for Smolen.

The Storm worked hard against the Huntsville Otters, provided some great hockey entertainment but lost the next game 4-3 in overtime. Cooper earned a hat trick, with assists by Lucas Haedicke and Flood.

Next, the Storm blew over the Parry Sound Shamrocks 6-0. It was a scoreless first period. Late in the second, Turner shot the puck from behind the net and it deflected in making it 1-0. The Storm dominated the third period. Goal scorers were Patterson-Smith, Cooper, Flood, Prentice and Haedicke with assists from Dollo, O’Neill and Cooper. Another sweet shutout for Smolen.

The Storm didn’t have much left for the final game against the Huntsville Otters, and lost 5-1.

They did their best to compete during the first period, coming out of that losing 1-0. Being out-played most of the game, the Storm could not afford any penalties as Huntsville was ready to capitalize on them. Midway through the third period, Patterson-Smith managed a goal, with assists from Manning and Schmidt, making it 3-1. That gave the Storm a bit of a boost, but not for long. Huntsville reacted with a couple more goals ending the game. All games were well played by the boys, with special mention to Parker Smolen for an awesome job in net.

Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls travelled to Orillia this past weekend

for the Orillia Hawks Tournament. In pool play on Friday, the Storm defeated the strong and talented Norfolk Hericanes 3-1. After two scoreless periods, Kenndal Marsden scored on a power play early in the third and Alicia McLean slipped one past the Norfolk netminder to put the Storm up 21 -1 midway through the frame. Erin Little added an empty net insurance marker late in the third period to solidify the win.

In the late evening, 9:40 p.m. Friday night tilt, the Storm took to the ice against the aggressive Lynx from Lindsay. A scoreless first period pushed the Storm to step up their level of play. Little spurred the squad on with a second period wrister going high glove. Kenndal Marsden and Brynn Meyers added insurance markers in the 3-0 shut-out win, both with rushes and going forehand-backhand to beat the Lindsay tender.

Connor Marsden turned away all Lindsay shooters to secure the win and a spot in Sunday’s semi-final games with the two early wins in pool play.

On Saturday afternoon, the Storm played the Ennismore Eagles for their third game in their pool play to determine who they would play in Sunday’s semi-final. Still fighting the first period blues, the Storm stepped up their play again in the second and third periods. Becca Anderson, McLean, Little and Kelsey Maracle all tallied to beat the Eagles 4-0. Connor Marsden earned the shut-out win, keeping the Storm undefeated and securing the first spot in pool.

On Sunday, the Storm hit the ice in their early 8:30 a.m. semi-final start against the Cold Creek Comets. After another scoreless first period, the Comets capitalized on the power play to take a 1-0 lead in the second period. The Storm stepped up and fought back with a goal from Sydney Feir early in the third period which seemed to push the squad along. Midway through the third period Kenndal Marsden went bar down with a wrister from the high slot to take a 2-1 lead and then secured the championship game appearance with an empty netter for the 3-1 win.

The Storm faced off against the Norfolk HERICANES in the Midget B championship Sunday afternoon. The Norfolk squad looked to avenge their pool play loss and capitalized on the power play midway through the second period to take a 1-0 lead after another hard-fought scoreless first period. The Storm stepped up their

level of play again and took the challenge to the HERICANES. Early in the third period Feir tied the game at 1-1 with a power play snipe. Midway through the third, Kenndal Marsden finished off a rush with a high glove snap shot to put the Storm up 2-1. Little solidified the championship with an empty netter to secure the 3-1 win.

Great tournament girls! Your attention to the game plans and team play focus made the Orillia Hawks Tourney Championship a reality. Well done, repeat champs!

The Storm host the Ennismore Eagles on Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. in Minden in their late season push to maintain first place in their LLFHL Eastern Loop, helping them gear up for the league playoffs and provincial playdowns. Keep up the great efforts girls!

Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE

Submitted by Monica Keefer

The Walker’s Heating and Cooling Midget AE’s travelled to Bracebridge for Game 1 of our MPS playdowns on Jan. 9. With great effort they left with a 7-3 loss to Huntsville. Goals were scored by Hunter Bishop, Jon Morrison and Tyler Casey, with assists from Connor Gadway, Chase Burden, Mark Saville, Brayden Roberts and Dillon Tallman.

Saturday we faced off against the Muskoka Rock. Teamwork proved to our benefit with a 5-0 win. The goals were scored by Tyler Casey (2), Dillon Tallman, Jordan “Nimmer” Nimigon, and Burden, with assists from Roberts, Ethan Keefer, Burden, Nic Thompson, Chris Thompson, Hunter Bishop and Gadway. The team had excellent goaltending by Jaxson Campbell.

In game three, the team faced off against Almaguin. Battling back and forth we tied 2 2 in regulation play. OT resulted in three minutes of four-on-four hockey, where we fell short. The goals were scored by Burden and Nic Thompson with assists from Chris Thompson. Riley Lamshead kept the team in the game with outstanding goaltending.

Sunday we faced off against South Muskoka at 10 a.m. in Bracebridge. The game was back and forth. We scored, but South Muskoka answered. They scored only to have us answer back with another goal.

We played four-on-four for three minutes

with no goals, but South Muskoka scored with only a minute left on the clock in three-on-three overtime to take the win. Great game boys! Goals were scored by Tyler Casey unassisted and Roberts assisted by Ethan Keefer and Nic Thompson.

The Walker’s Heating and Cooling Midget AE’s play in Minden on Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. against Huntsville. Come out and cheer on the team.

The Peppermill Restaurant Peewee AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Losing is hard. It weighs on your mind and feeds into other parts of your life. It festers in dark corners and seeps into how you view the world, or worse, yourself. It plays with your emotions and slowly erodes your motivation and soon you may not see the point in trying, at all. They say it’s just a game, but if taken too seriously, the game can make you bitter, frustrated and angry. But it’s only then that you truly have lost.

Many believe that winning only relates to the final tally, but to judge winners only by the score would limit the benefits of sport immeasurably. To be sure, the Highland Storm Peewee AE’s have done their share of losing as far as the scoreboard is concerned, but to a player, this team is so much more than that. Week after week, faced with the prospect of another tough game, this team has showed up, laced up the skates, and put out the effort to progressively get better.

On Saturday, the squad were home to the Huntsville Otters. Huntsville came out flying but goalie Nate Misco was sharp and up to the task early. Although the Otters were able to pocket a few, Billy Walker banged one in from Brendan Coumbs and Ethan Coles to keep the score tight. Things got away from the Storm in the second but they came out flying in the third and never gave up. William Petrie found himself alone in front after some nice spade work by Tyler Martin and Jake Sisson, and Coles captured another with the help of Coumbs.

On Sunday, they put out another great effort, Brendan Coumbs scoring with the help of Jaylin Frost and Brady Baldry, to prove that this team wins every time they step on the ice. Well done, Storm!

Highland Storm

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Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month Country Hot Flashes, Jan. 17 4-7 p.m.	Minden Branch Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors “B-d” Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch Ladies Auxiliary meeting, Thursday, 1 p.m. Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. ** No karaoke until further notice	

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Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

James Hill plays the ukulele at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Jan 11.

Audience takes a ride on the ukulele train

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Children and their families were taken on a journey around the world on Jan. 11 as James Hill and Anne Janelle brought the ukulele train to Haliburton.

The pair, who travelled from Nova Scotia to perform at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, put on their family-friendly show titled All Aboard the Ukulele Express. Hill played the ukulele while his wife displayed her talents on the cello.

The audience of 150 or so were educated on the history of

the ukulele before hearing music from places such as Greece and the birthplace of the stringed instrument, Hawaii. Hill even performed some ACDC, Guns N' Roses and what he called ukulele music from the future (a blend of hip-hop and techno sounds).

Following their performance, Hill led a free ukulele workshop for 16 participants which was sponsored by the Haliburton County Folk Society.

The concert was part of this year's Razzamataz Kids' Shows! series.

The next show, The Mask Messenger, will feature the work of Faustwork Mast Theatre. The performance will be held on Feb. 22 at the theatre.

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I cry now and then
I smile and remember when
I'll love and miss you always

Your loving Wife, Sister and Daughter
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OBITUARIES

**Helen Aileen Archer**
(Resident of Oshawa Ontario, Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

On January 7, 2015, after a long and happy life, Helen Aileen Archer died peacefully with the love of her family at the Wynfield Long Term Care in Oshawa. She was born to Winnett and Mae Austin of Haliburton and lived there until her health declined in later years. Helen was the proud co-owner with her late husband Max of Sunrise Cottage Resort on Loon Lake, Haliburton. She was also predeceased by her much loved son-in-law Barry Stovin and a dear brother and sister Ron Austin and Betty Wise. Mom will be forever loved and missed by her children Sandra Stovin and Bill and Maura Archer. Helen was the proud grandma of Jeff Stovin, Susan Baldinelli (Michael), Jesse Archer (Callie) and Amy Sharpe (Mike). She was also delighted to be the Great Grandma of Jessica, Patrick, Alexandra and Scarlett Mae. She is survived also by her brother Keith Austin (Marion) and sister-in-law Helen Austin all of Huntsville. Grateful thanks goes to the staff of the Wynfield for their exceptional care and kindness while Mom resided there.

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Love Mom, Dad, Tanner and Cayden

Although you can't be here with us,
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Until that final breathe we take,
You'll be living in our hearts.

Our hearts still ache in sadness,
Our silent tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you, Daws,
No one will ever know.

Love Always, Gramma and Grampa Hamilton

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel,
For no-one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No-one knows how many times,
We have broken down and cried,
We want to tell you something
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.

*Love you and Miss You Dawson.
Aunt Jill, Jordan and Jenna*

The moment that you left me,
my heart was split in two,
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I often lay awake at night,
when the world is fast asleep,
and take a walk down memory lane,
with tears upon my cheek.
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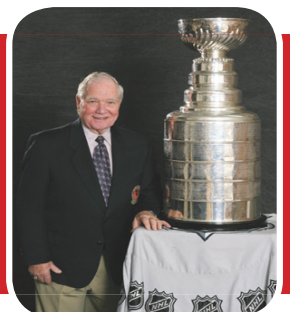
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Friday 8th

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What's on



Photo submitted by Barrie Martin

Two climbers scale the ice wall at Camp Medeba as part of Yours Outdoors' ice climbing tour.

Thrills and chills: climbing ice in the Highlands

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Winter in the Highlands can be full of adventures if you're willing to try new things and step outside your door.

Barrie Martin at Yours Outdoors has a variety of activities available for adventurers, both from out-of-county and locally. One of those is ice-wall climbing.

"We do that in partnership with the Medeba Adventure Learning Centre," Martin said. "They have an outside climbing wall they flood that is 50-feet high, with two different faces."

One of the faces is almost completely vertical, but for those who want more of a challenge, the second face has a shelf on it.

"[Medeba] uses that with their groups that come in, but they were open to the possibility of me bringing folks in to get an introduction to ice climbing," he said. "We've been doing it for three or four years now, and it's worked out really well."

Signing up for an ice wall climb with Martin comes with lessons from two instructors, drinks and snacks, and two hours of climbing.

"It's a fun, safe introduction."

While some veteran ice climbers like to trek out into the bush to find that perfect frozen rock face, Martin said that isn't what his

adventure is about.

"It's one of those sports that's not very common," said Martin. "People don't get an opportunity very often to do that. You have to be a serious outdoor adventure, athletic person to do ice climbing out in the wild, because you don't know the conditions."

"This gives people the fun and safe exposure, so no pressure to do anything in particular. Just go and have fun."

Medeba provides all equipment, and has warming huts on site so climbers can stay warm between climbs.

Most climbers get up the wall two or three times during the two hours.

Martin said the sport is growing in

popularity.

"I'm attracting the whole range of people who have never rock climbed or ice climbed, and I'm also attracting new people who want to give it a try," he said. "We climb [from now] through the first week in March. If the weather stays cold, we may get into mid-March."

The cost to ice climb with Martin and Yours Outdoors is \$65 per person. The first climbing day is Jan. 17. To book your time, or for more information, visit yoursoutdoors.ca.

The company also hosts a number of other adventures, including Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing and more.

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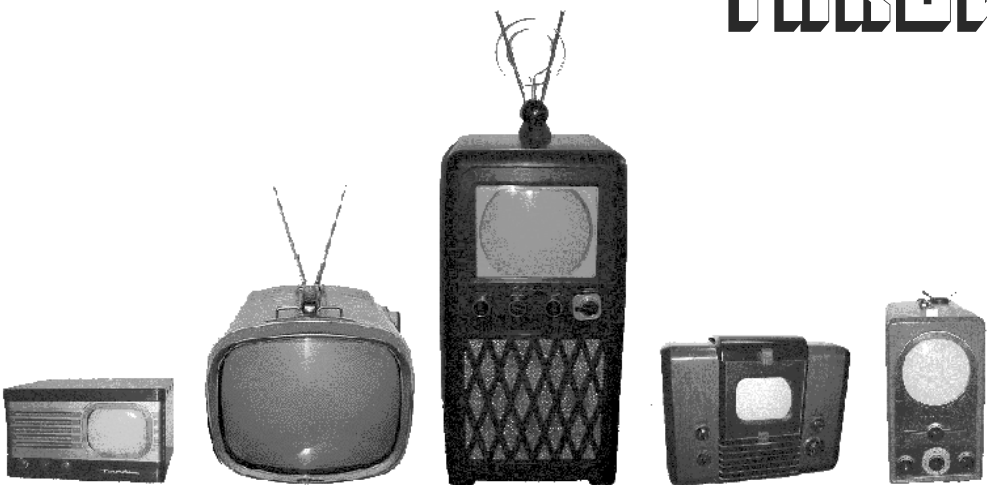
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